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Addendum

Implementation of Commission on Narcotic Drugs decision 60/1, on strengthening the subsidiary bodies of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

1. At its third meeting, held on 18 September 2018, the Meeting considered item 7 of the agenda entitled "Implementation of Commission on Narcotic Drugs decision 60/1, on strengthening the subsidiary bodies of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs".

2. The Secretary of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs made a statement on the practical implementation of Commission decision 60/1. The Secretary informed the Meeting that, in that decision, the Commission had decided, in response to the invitation contained in paragraph 97 of General Assembly resolution 71/211 of 2016, and mindful of the requests contained in Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 56/10 of 2013 and the operational recommendation contained in paragraph 6 (c) of the outcome document of the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Our joint commitment to effectively addressing and countering the world drug problem" to examine how its subsidiary bodies could better contribute to the implementation of the outcome document; to inform its subsidiary bodies of the invitation contained in paragraph 97 of General Assembly resolution 71/211; and to invite the subsidiary bodies to consider that invitation at their upcoming meetings and report back to the Commission in due course.

3. Decision 60/1 had been brought to the attention of the previous meeting of HONLEA Africa and the Secretary of the Commission noted that the views expressed at last year's meetings of all subsidiary bodies had been reported back to the Commission.

4. She also recalled that, in Commission resolution 56/10, Member States had been invited to consider the expertise and composition of their delegations to the meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission and noted that one of the initiatives that

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had already been taken to implement the outcome of the special session was the inclusion of working groups on cross-cutting topics contained in the outcome document in the agendas of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission held since 2016.

5. Statements were made by Namibia, Côte d'Ivoire, Zambia, Sudan, Morocco and the United Republic of Tanzania.

6. Several speakers highlighted that addressing and countering the world drug problem could not be dealt with by one entity alone but required a comprehensive, multisectorial approach, as many issues related to drugs were complex and cross-cutting in nature.

7. Speakers highlighted efforts made to join resources to make the fight against drugs more effective, including by involving all relevant ministries as well as civil society actors.

8. Some speakers noted that the subsidiary bodies of the Commission had an important role to play in both supply and demand reduction and as such the bodies should involve all relevant stakeholders in their meetings.

9. Some delegations were of the view that the subsidiary bodies could be strengthened in terms of their coverage of demand reduction issues in order to address the world drug problem in a comprehensive manner.

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